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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

United States of America,       )  
    Plaintiff,                    )  
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vs.                                ) Criminal No. 05-40026-FDS  
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Muhammed Mubayyid, Emadeddin Z.)  
Muntasser, and Samir Al-Monla, )  
a/k/a Samir Almonla,            )  
    Defendants.                    )

BEFORE: The Honorable F. Dennis Saylor, IV

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| <p>1 Q. Excuse me.</p> <p>2 A. Go ahead.</p> <p>3 Q. You had 20 million documents in this database; is that</p> <p>4 right?</p> <p>5 A. That was an estimation that I gave. I didn't actually say</p> <p>6 I had 20 million documents. What I said is that if you took</p> <p>7 the amount of data that's on my drive and if you tried to</p> <p>8 figure that out in terms of how many printed pages it would be</p> <p>9 it would be something like 20 million documents. However, the</p> <p>10 fact is that a number of files that I have on my database are</p> <p>11 larger than others. Some are video files. Some are audio</p> <p>12 files. I think the best way to say it is that the data</p> <p>13 consists of several million documents from all different</p> <p>14 sources which are, again, sorted by various different subject</p> <p>15 areas.</p> <p>16 Q. Thank you. So it's several million documents?</p> <p>17 A. I would say that would be . . .</p> <p>18 Q. And obviously you have not read each one?</p> <p>19 A. No.</p> <p>20 Q. Now, you published one book; is that right?</p> <p>21 A. That's correct.</p> <p>22 Q. And you've described that book as being about foreign</p> <p>23 fighters who fought in Afghanistan and later in Bosnia and</p> <p>24 other places?</p> <p>25 A. It's primarily about the phase of their fighting in</p> | <p>1 Q. And you were aware that Berg describes itself -- and I</p> <p>2 quote -- as an international independent publisher committed to</p> <p>3 innovative ideas in visual and material culture, including</p> <p>4 fashion and textiles, cultural media studies, film, art and</p> <p>5 design, food, sport, and anthropology. Is that how web -- how</p> <p>6 Berg describes itself on its website?</p> <p>7 A. I would say yes.</p> <p>8 Q. And you also submitted the manuscript for this book to</p> <p>9 Penn University Press and Yale University Press; is that right?</p> <p>10 A. Among others, yes.</p> <p>11 Q. Yes. Among others. And they did not accept it; is that</p> <p>12 fair to say?</p> <p>13 A. No, they didn't.</p> <p>14 Q. Now, you haven't published any other books besides this?</p> <p>15 A. Not yet, no.</p> <p>16 Q. And the book that you published, it's not a history of the</p> <p>17 events in Bosnia in the 1990s, is it?</p> <p>18 A. It's a history of the events of the mujahideen in Bosnia.</p> <p>19 It's not a history of the general war per se.</p> <p>20 Q. And nor is it a history of the events in Afghanistan in</p> <p>21 the 1990s and 1980s?</p> <p>22 A. Again, it's based upon Kataeb al-Mujahideen, which is</p> <p>23 mujahideen organization. It's not the history of individual</p> <p>24 conflicts overall.</p> <p>25 Q. Now, you discussed at some length the history of</p> |
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| <p>1 Bosnia-Herzegovina, but it does trace their origins from</p> <p>2 Afghanistan and then traces what they did afterwards as well.</p> <p>3 Q. And you call these people the Afghan -- Arab-Afghans?</p> <p>4 A. This is a common term used by not just myself --</p> <p>5 MS. LUNT: Your Honor, may he be instructed to answer</p> <p>6 my question?</p> <p>7 THE COURT: And the question is whether you refer to</p> <p>8 them as Arab-Afghan.</p> <p>9 A. I do, yes.</p> <p>10 Q. And this book is based in part on your undergraduate work;</p> <p>11 is that right?</p> <p>12 A. It was based on a lot of things, but it was based</p> <p>13 partially upon the thesis that I wrote at the end of my</p> <p>14 undergraduate. It was based partially on the research that I</p> <p>15 had done in the Investigative Project. It was based partially</p> <p>16 upon research I had done on my own. It was based upon a lot of</p> <p>17 different things. The process of writing this book took almost</p> <p>18 two and a half years.</p> <p>19 Q. And this book was published, was it not, by Berg Press?</p> <p>20 A. That's correct.</p> <p>21 Q. And you have described Berg Press in earlier testimony as</p> <p>22 a, quote, academic publisher?</p> <p>23 A. That's correct.</p> <p>24 Q. Now, it's not a university press, is it?</p> <p>25 A. No.</p>       | <p>1 Afghanistan from 1979 to the Taliban taking over in 1996;</p> <p>2 is that correct?</p> <p>3 A. Yes, approximately.</p> <p>4 Q. Now, as you said, you've never been to Afghanistan or</p> <p>5 Pakistan?</p> <p>6 A. No.</p> <p>7 Q. And you haven't pursued graduate level courses -- studies</p> <p>8 in history, have you?</p> <p>9 A. I have taken graduate level courses in Afghan history,</p> <p>10 yes --</p> <p>11 Q. You took a course --</p> <p>12 A. -- but I have not pursued a full length of study focused</p> <p>13 on graduate history, no.</p> <p>14 Q. And you would agree with me, would you not, that there was</p> <p>15 a colossal humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan in the 1990s?</p> <p>16 A. Yes.</p> <p>17 Q. And there were at least four and a half million Afghani</p> <p>18 refugees in Pakistan?</p> <p>19 A. Okay. Probably, yes. That sounds about right.</p> <p>20 Q. And another two million in Iran?</p> <p>21 A. That's correct.</p> <p>22 Q. And then there were many internally displaced people</p> <p>23 within Afghanistan?</p> <p>24 A. Oh, yes.</p> <p>25 Q. And the term of art for those people is IDPs, right?</p>  |